

Event Arrangements




- Event will begin at 7:00 pm EST.
- Event is being recorded.
- If you do not want to disclose your name, voice, or image, please change your participant name, mute microphone, and keep video off.
- You may type questions or comments in the chat.
- Speaker view or Gallery view recommended.
- Introduce yourself in the chat if you wish. Share your name, location, and organization affiliation, if applicable.



Meeting Others:
Volunteering to Foster Peace



 VIRTUAL LEARNING EVENT
THURSDAY, JAN. 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM (ET)
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The Calvert Peace Project serves and supports the Calvert County, Maryland community and is led by Broadview Church and Peace Through Action USA.

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Session Outline

- **Volunteering Basics**
- **Volunteering as a Peaceful Practice**
- **National Volunteer Opportunities**
- **Volunteering in Calvert County**
- **Panel Discussion Q&A**
- **Calvert Peace Project Engagements**



Presenters



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Project Purpose



Increase understanding, collaboration, and community among youth and adults in Calvert County, Maryland by providing civic and social engagement activities with a focus on peace.



Project Partners

■ Broadview Church

- Mission to grow deeper and broader in our spiritual lives while partnering to meet needs in our community.
- Serving Calvert County since 2003.

■ Peace Through Action USA

- We activate and equip Americans to implement practical peaceful solutions to aggression and violence.
- Community peace projects are one of our peacebuilding instruments.



Volunteering Definition



Performing a service for others
without promise, expectation, or
receipt of compensation for services
rendered.



Volunteering Forms

- Informal (helping), Formal (volunteering)
- One-Time, Episodic, Regular
- Solo, Group
- In Person, Virtual
- Anytime
- Any place



Formal Volunteering in America

- In 2019, an estimated 30 percent of Americans reported they volunteered for an organization or association.
 - 5.8 billion hours of service.
 - Economic value of \$147 billion.
- Formal volunteers disproportionately female, White, non-Hispanic, and middle-aged.
- More people higher in education attainment and income formally volunteer than others.



Volunteerism Infrastructure

- Organization Level
 - volunteer positions
 - volunteer coordinators
- Local Level
 - volunteer centers
 - community affairs agencies
- State Level
 - service agencies/commissions
- National Level
 - AmeriCorps



Volunteering as a Peaceful Practice

- **Volunteering is civic engagement.**
 - **Contributes to individual and community quality of life.**
- **Volunteering fosters social cohesion.**
 - **Builds empathy for people with different needs and life circumstances.**
 - **Provides opportunities for people to serve together on a common challenge.**



National Volunteer Opportunities

- **AmeriCorps Volunteer Search**
 - Find a volunteer opportunity
 - <https://americorps.gov/volunteer>
- **MLK Day**
 - <https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day>
- **9/11 Day**
 - <https://americorps.gov/911-day>
- **Peace Through Action Opportunities**
 - <https://peacethroughaction.org/volunteer>



Panel Discussion: Introductions



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Panel Discussion: Question #1

1.) How do volunteers benefit your constituents and contribute to your community's quality of life?



Panel Discussion: Question #2

2.) From your experience, how has the field of volunteering changed in the past 5 years? What do you predict will happen in the next 5 to 10 years?



Panel Discussion: Question #3

3.) Question from the Audience: “I have a specialized skill set and want to use my talents as a photographer, graphic designer, and teacher to make a difference. How can I plug into resources to utilize my talents as a volunteer?”



Panel Discussion: Question #4

4.) What advice or tips do you have for someone who wants to take action in their community?



Panel Discussion: Question #5

5.) What are the biggest misconceptions about volunteering?



Panel Discussion: Question #6

6.) How do volunteers at your organization deepen empathy or strengthen social connections in your community?



Panel Discussion: Question #7

7.) If there was only **ONE** thing that you hope the people in the audience today do as a result of our conversation, what would it be?



How can I learn more?



Please visit our webpage for this event to explore each of tonight's panel organizations more deeply. There you will find links to each organization's website as well as resources for volunteering with them.



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Project Engagement Opportunities

- Sign up for project newsletter
- Follow project on social media
- Attend speaker and film discussion events
- Join book club
- Join service projects



Project Engagement Opportunities

- Encourage youth participation in leadership development group
- Invite us to present to your group
- Promote project activities and events
- Donate event space or project supplies
- Make a donation of money



Project Spudnik Garden Announcement

- In service of our Calvert community, we are partnering on the Project Spudnik Garden Program at All Saints Episcopal Church to provide volunteering opportunities for youth and adults.



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